"Be careful how you put down that window," Joan had said, but the warn-

"Now you've done it! Patty get un-der the bed! Throw those furs into the

"I hear the smell of the breath of a

But no footsteps approached, and the

The midnight bell tolls. Sisters of the

They never quite knew how it hap-pened, but at the last word the string

broke and the nuts rattled to the floor

in a perfect shower. At the same instant a step was heard in the passage.

pushed her under the bed, seating her-

child's feet, which would stick out. The

others huddled themselves under the

bedelothes as best they might, and pre-

opened to admit Miss Quigley in a

"She's been twisting her knob ever

"What are you doing, Miss Bramley?"

"Thinking," replied Joan, laconically,

"Thinking! What an extraordinary

girl! Why are you not in bed? Didn't

"How can I tell what you hear?"

"Did you throw over a chair?"

"Did you knock over anything?"

Poor Joan was too anxious about

Patty's feet to have any clear idea of

"You are very impertinent," began

a perfect shout of laughter, in which the

"Did you let a window fall?"

"I let no window fall."

"I threw over no chatr."

"Did you drop a book?"

"Did you drop anything?"

"I knocked over nothing."

"I dropped no book."

"I dropped nothing."

self on the edge of it to conceal

tended to be fast asleep. The

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ing stockholders.

ject them. In other words, while municipal corporations may legally vote for time. or against laws levying taxes for local Coming to Berkshire county when the acted which is not general in its pro-sylvania contractor, each sheet is exam-

The Queen of Home. BELMONT COUNCIL, No. 54, R. & S. M. The sands of life are nearly run out, but, Meets second Tuesday of each month.
H. R. BUMGARNER, G. M. The sands of life are nearly run out, but, feeble as she is, she will go further and to the American Express Company in a

Coming Eclipses of the Sun. On Friday, December 31, the sun will, when rising west of Eastport, in Maine, be partially eclipsed; at Boston about a and along the Mississippi the eclipse no place will it be central, and where largest (latitude 65 °, longitude 4916 ° west), less than three-quarters of its surface (.70) will be obscured. At the time of this eclipse both sun and moon are at about their least possible distance from the earth, which is remarkable; moreover, this eclipse is the second large one of the sun in this country in the same year, which is also very rare. The eclipse of January 11 was total in California, in a narrow strip of about wenty miles wide from the ocean, in He hadn't been with us two days when latitude 36 o northeast to Nevada, so they stopped the reaper in the middle of that the duration of totality at the station Sycamore, on the Contral Pacific railroad, where it was well observed, had a regular knock-down about the was only half a minute (30.8 seconds,) whale swallowing Jonah. The man who but it was the last total eclipse in the United States within twenty years. The Samson and drove over a stump and eclipse of December 31 will take place damaged the machine to the tune of \$10, at Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, as and the very next day my boy broke his

Sun rises about one-third eclipsed at 7 30 00 row which was started over the child- Tommy Twinx to do with the tree?" Greatest obscuration (.46)

50 ren of Israel going through the Red sea The next eclipse of the sun at Boston (.54) will occur early in the afternoon of March 16, 1885, and it will be annual in self growing weak on Nouh and his ures! north part of California and Montana. Hood. That's my offset sir; and if he was This is the third return of the annular worth anything I would sue him for a eclipse, so finely observed at a lighthouse thousand dollars besides. near Nantucket, February 12, 1831.

The next total eclipse of the sun in the United States will take place in the forenoon of May, 28 1900, when the the shadow of the moon will pass from New Orleans to the ocean, near Norfolk. and cause a total eclipse under the central line of nearly a minute and a half, and a very large eclipse (.92) in Wash-

any part of the earth will take place in the forenoon of May 17, 1882, when the shadow of the moon, at about 9 a. m. find in any sum not less than one hun-(local time), will pass across the north- dred and not exceeding three hundred of the girls, and did various errands, ern ends of the Red Sea, in latitude dollars. about 27°, and longitude 34° east, and illuminating purposes, any oil or pro-quite near the Isthmus of Suez. The duct of petroleum except such oil known And that brings i duration of totality there will be about as crude petroleum, before the same has eclipse promises to be fine there it prob- Supervisor or his Deputy, as hereinafter particular notice. She was a tall, drieded memories. mers from Europe, and perhaps from exceeding one hundred dollars, nor less than twenty dollars. Her thin hair was

BOND PAPER.

loston Special to Chicago Tribune. Considerable comment having been made relative to the fibre paper being found in possession of the forger Brockway and gang, the officers in charge of Onio talent was given another in- the mill where the bank-note paper has We weavethy tints with those that gleam dorsement by the appointment of Con- been made for over a year past were ingressmen McKinley and Taylor to the terviewed this morning. The mill is lo If not paid within the year 25 per cent will vacancies on the Committees on Ways cated at Coltsville, in the eastern part of the town of Pittsfield, near the Dalton line, and the paper is manufactured un-THE Supreme Court have decided, der a contract with the Messrs. Crane Justice Swayne giving the opinion, that bond-paper makers, for several yearswhen in the adjustment of the affairs of Officers representing the Government an insolvent National bank any of the and Treasury Department located in stockholders failed to pay their share of Colisviile say that the paper captured is the bank's liabilities, the deficiency not even an imitation, or at least a very could not be assessed upon the remain- poor one, of the distinctive paper used

ten years ago. The paper now made not REV. JOHN HAWKINS, a leading temperance worker, writes a long letter to running through the sheets, so that the Journal and Messenger, of Cincin- each bank bill has a red silk thread runnati, in which he expresses great doubts ning down one side and across the ends, whether the proposed "local option law" and with the precaution taken at the would be constitutional. He says that mill and shipment of the paper it is imhe has consulted with a number of possible for outside parties to obtain it, prominent attorneys upon the subject, or for the officers or watchmen to be in collusion with the counterfeiters. None not constitutionally pass an act of that but the best posted of the operatives of cheracter. The Constitution of Ohio de- Crane & Co., and those who have been in clares that the General Assembly may their employ a long time, are employed by law provide against the evils result- in the manufacture, and especially from ing from the sale of intoxicating liquors, the time the pulp receives the silk fibre but he claims that such laws must be every process of manufacture is under general in effect, and that there is no the closest inspection of the officials. power conferred in the Constitution The sheets are counted and inspected by whereby one portion of the people may ladies employed by the Treasury Departadopt such laws and another portion re-

purposes, yet no criminal law can be en- contract was transferred from the Pennined and passed through ten other operatives for inspection. Every sheet is A flash of joy this Christmas tide! accounted for, spoiled ones being care-Honor the dear old mother. Time has fully watched while being again torn up scattered snowy flakes on her brow, and made into pulp. Each employe is plowed deep furrows on her cheeks, but searched on leaving or entering the millis she not sweet and beautiful now? The mill itself is carefully guarded by The lips are thin and shrunken, but Government employes night and day. A those are the lips which have kissed detective stationed at Pittsfield conmany a hot tear from the childish stantly visits the mill at all times, day with the soft radiance that can never in iron-bound packages, sealed. A guard fade. Ah, yes, she is a dear old mother. The sends of life and all from Coltsville to the wagon from Coltsville to the sends of life and the life an feeble as she is, she will go further and to the American Express Company in a ter a prison whose bars can keep her Conn., where another Treasury officer off like a torpedo!" out; you can not mount a scaffold too takes charge of it, taking it to New high for her to reach that she may kiss York, where it is delivered to the Suband bless you in evidence of her death. Treasury, and from there sent to Washless love when the world shall despise ington to be printed upon. No visitor and forsake you; when it leaves you by is allowed in the mill under any circumthe wayside to perish unnoticed, the dear stances, and every precaution possible is old mother will gather you in her feeble taken to prevent even the smallest piece arms and carry you home and tell you from getting into the hands of outside

her tenderly, and cheer her declining denial of the report that counterfeiters the effect.

A Farmer's Offset

"What is your offset?" asked the law

"What has that to do with your owing

"It has a heap to do with it. I ha

six hands in my employ, and we were

she didn't believe Elijah was fed by the

The court reserved its decision for 24

Illuminating Oils

The State Supervisor of Oils for Ohio

has issued a circular calling attention

to the provision of the statutes in aegard

SEC. 397. If any person for or as

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to illuminating oils as follows:

"He's an unbeliever."

"Why, in the Bible."

"In what?"

all the virtues until you almost forget parties. Nor has such a thing ever oc- Sue; "in sack-cloth and ashes. If we was regular bedtime. Sue, behind the jauntily sticking out of the top, and your soul is disfigured by vices. Love curred. So they are emphatic in their tie our papers with crape it will add to back of the mistress, occupied herself in blacking an immense pair of mustaches had the distinctive paper used by the Government, or even a fair imitation.

that image."

"Well, then," cried Sue, let's work like A "hired man" who has been employ-Trojans now. ed on a farm in this county for several third, Washington nearly half, etc., but as we proceed toward the West, less as well a

and less of the eclipse will be visible, amounting as he claimed, to \$32. The holiday. They were the only boarders joy be unconfined!" suit was on trial in Justice alley yesterwill end at or before the sun rises; east of Eastport the whole of the eclipse may of Eastport the eclips day, and it looked at first as if the plainle seen; also in nearly the whole of the
North Atlantic, in the west of Europe
and in the posthwest of Africa between a very honest young man.

day, and it looked at first as if the plainloomes were in East Machias, a town so
far "down East" in Maine that in winfigures in a straightforward way, and
seemed a very honest young man.

day, and it looked at first as if the plainloomes were in East Machias, a town so
far "down East" in Maine that in winseemed a very honest young man.

sail bowl. My speech must be short,
"Be careful! the string isn't very stout!"
Sue spoke too late. Snap! The cord
was btoken, and the four girls stood to the warm summer's making the white "I claim an offset for that \$32. No man need sue me for what I honestly and Sue were sisters; Joan Branley their cousin, and Clara Thornton an

> said, sadly enough, that this would be the first Christmas of her life without a "Let's have one, then," said Sue, bold

"It is impossible!" said her sister. "'And what's impossible can't be,

rushing things when I hired this man. "If we had one to fix!" in the lion's den, and in three days we "Oh, dear!" sighed Claire; "and there's

woods and woods of them over there."

run the mower got to arguing about basket in all directions, "Tommy Twinx!" "Tommy Twinx?"

"We'll have him to get it!" "Good!" said Joan, grimly. Quigley has never seen me speak to Sammy Twinx but once, and, to pay for

"I remember," added Lou, "How aw fully shocked the Griffiness was when she heard him say, 'Thers's millions in may add the same figures, and will re-

"I'll see to Tommy," said Sue, when they had done laughing at her sister's amid the branches. Lou opened it with own?" she asked, "or is it only play imitation of Miss Quigley. "But how an air of triumph. will you get the tree into the house?" "Have him leave it under the window for her love of sweets. "Where in the plied. behind the fence, and we'll put it into world did it come from?"

agent for any other person sells, or at- with the boldness of the plan, and enington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New tempts to sell, to any person in this tered into it with all zest. Tommy Twinx State, and such oils to be consumed with- was the son of a widow who lived next in the State for illuminating purposes, not, before having the same inspected Lou said, were a "miracle of patches," which, although not very harmful, were

Size, 398. Whoever knowingly uses for illuminating purposes, any oil or pro- Quigley was called.

Size and the sacrifiee had been, and I may as well say here that she found what girl bbt has a quigley was called. herself, who, as head of the school, cer-

Wave, mystic bough, with all thy pearls, Shine, little pearls, o'er bench and stall.

In poor man's cottage, rich man's hall, Make glad our loving boys and girls

Knob at the top of her head; there was a tradition in the school that when this was untwisted Miss Quigley's form lost its erectness, her dignity fell away from talked of, prepared gifts for each other,

But at this moment it was something

Make glad our loving boys and girls. And gladden us of longer years, Made children by thy happy glow, Recalling from the long ago Dead kisses and forgotten tears.

More bravely in the holly sprays, pounce of a fish-hawk And weaving, muse of ancient days, And musing, see as those who dream. The forest glades, the solemn night,

The far-off Druidical chant, The glinting robes-the pagan rite. And then from out the darkness leaps A light—around the holly borne— A light that on that Christmas morn

The glory where the moonbeams slan

A Christmas Greeting

First broke upon Judæan steeps. In golden shafts which flush'd the wind With glory, borne o'er every sea, The herald of great good to be-

reedom and hope for all mankind. Wave, mystic bough! To thee belong The praises that I fain would sing; From out the wintry woodlands bring The gladness of thy thrushes' song.

The foliage died on bank and byre, The pale leaves fluttered, stricken dead. The rain clouds gathered overhead, The West was lit with sullen fire.

Each tree drew on its snowy bood Or bared gaunt arms, while you between ne out-a flash of golden green pon the darkness of the wood. Shine now on all our darkn'd days,

On hearth and home, on young and old. And teach some hearts to fling their gold As thou thy light, in straiten'd ways. Shine now, that underneath thy leaves

The custom old may live anew, And kisses fall, when hearts are true As plentiful as autumn sheaves Shine out on all, and far and wide-

On cheeks where lingers yet the tear,

AT MISS QUIGLEY'S.

A HOLIDAY STORY.

On hearts so weary of the year-

"I think, girls, we ought to apologize," her. Joan Bramley said, as, with her three

"It was too funny for anything," laughreach down lower for you than car under Government protection. A ed Lou Taylor. "If I hadn't laughed finess did not count them we might have at every third word cried "hush!" they any other upon earth. You can not endegtective rides in the car to Bridgeport, when I did, I know I should have gone more."

"But, if we apologize," suggested Sue "it will look as if we wanted to get rid of our impositions." "I'm sure I do, for one," sighed Claire,

who was not the most brilaint scholar of them all. "We can do them first," said Joan "and then go-"

Lou. "But, seriously, I think Joan is right.

I am ashamed that Miss Quigley saw

The longest evening must

While the four are busily at work cation they all occupied together. pole was a trifle; so they were to re-main at school for the entire year. Lou

old neighbor The day before Christmas Claire had

"The great Napoleon," returned Sue, has the credit of remarking that impossible is the adjective of a very helpless sort of people. Why shouldn't we have a tree?"

"I'll tell you!" cried Sue, jumping up and sending the contents of the work-"I wish, Sue," remarked Lou, with an air of pathetic resignation, "that you wouldn't box the compass so often with the things in our basket. What has

ravens, and hang me if I didn't find my- it, I had to add a perfect ocean of fig-

it! 'Slang, Miss Taylor!' she said, 'You ceive two demerits.

the room." Of course, the girls were delighted door to the school, and who did washwhether manufactured in this State or ing for the pupils. Tommy's clothes, as

> And that brings us to Miss Quigley hawk's beak, and piercing black eyes. the middle of the room, and firmly wedg-being mellowed by time. Do you think Her thin hair was brushed bach from ed with books. For lights they had the girls ever came across that dried

her face, and twisted into a compact to cut up their candle, which was, for branch of fir in after years without seeher, and there remained but a wreck of and their home friends had sent pres- more substantial than an echo which

the severe teacher. She moved with a ents for each to some one else of the they heard. spasmodic, automatic motion, as if she four. was controlled by machidery within, of It was casy for them to find somewhich, it may be surmised, her knob was thing for Patty, so there were a goodly infl was too late.

The worthy lady was much afflicted with neuralgia, for the relief of which painful disease she had swallowed un
"I am very sorry," Sue remarked, "I he closet!"

"I he

"She will never die like other folks," ne said; "she will turn into congealed liniment—something like spermaceti. A lit the candles.

"It is too bad, girls," said Sue, "not to probably grow out of her grave. Her have the mistress of the house. "Here's this! The time for revelation has come. liniment-something like spermaceti. A lit the candles. breath grows stronger as she grows weaker, and I don't think death will

ever be able to take it." The lady had very strict notions of propriety, and allowed her pupils very most less time than it takes to tell. she took charge of; and, having been told that her own ill-health was the result of too free indulgence in sweets in

tell of Tommy Twinx and Miss Quigley, ure. Sue has concluded her arrangements with the former, and has been promised the "best little tree in McKeen woods." The girls were busy all day, making gifts or arranging for the festival.
"I say, Lou," Claire remarked, "if I

put on my crape tie for you, will you look astonished, and pretend that it is "Of course; only don't rob yourself." "Oh, I can't wear it," answered the ther, with the utmost candor. "It is

too much soiled." "Large was her bounty, and her soul sincere," returned Lou, who was forever and the little bundles in gay papers and the little bundles in gay papers and the little window fall?"

"How can I tell what er quoting something.
"Girls," said Joan, in her solemn voice was coming. "Let's ask Slavey."

sauce afterward."

"Invite Slavey!"

Slavey was a tiny maid-of-all-work, cheeks, and they are the sweetest lips in the world. The eye is dim, yet it glows with the soft radiance that can never with the soft radiance that can never in iron-bound received. A control of the min at an times, day and night, when least expected. When the world in iron-bound received and times, day and night, when least expected. When the world in iron-bound received about in iron-boun

> 'Well, ask Slavey, then." Sue said, 'and ley's room was at the all save your cookies from supper. house, and that Sally, the cook, was so I never should know who it was meant They'll help make a show. If the Grif- sound asleep: for, although somebody for."

her sister, thoughtfully. "It would trouble mamma."
"'Old Quig!" " laughed Claire. 'What's that but abuse? "Blessed little mother!" sighed Sue.

"She'd never say harm of a mosquito; and that I take to be the pinn sele of human meekness." So the girls chatted, and the day wore Supper was eaten, and they waited "In solemn procession," interrupted with all patience for 9 o'clock, which her head a muff with a feather duster

making candy-bags from tarletan, al- upon her plump face. "I've a crape tie you may use," said though the others couldn't imagine what she expected to put in them.

The longest evening must close, and at last the time came for them to take up their candle and file solemnly to the lorest readle and file solemnly the lorest readle and file solemnly the lorest readle and file solemnly th large square chamber, which for the va- too huge fires for me to try the chimneys;

And she threw open the window, and me, my dears, for the sight of your beau-

looking at each other in blank dismay.

""Twas ever thus since childhood's they mean quite as much, and I am sure hour," quoted Lou, the incorrigible. I wish you a merry Christmas and a quoted Lou, the incorrigible, I wish you a merry Christmas and a all agreed with her. "I'm dreadfully sorry. Wouldn't I do happy New Year, with less liniment for a tree?" "Well," said Claire, dropping disconsolately upon the bed, "I knew some-

thing would happen." "Something will happen," retorted Sue. "Can't we get a slip noose on to it."
"I'll tell you!" cried John, more excitedly than was her wont; "see here!" As she spoke she dragged out of the worsted shawl upon which she had been

a very tolerable hook. Won't it be 'hooking,' to get a been tied; and, if I wear the soiled side now. I thought you would be lonel. "Simple Simon went a-fishing," sang tree in this way?" "The string won't hold!" Joan said;

and, before they knew what she was doing she had the sheets off her bed, and rejoined:
tied together at the corners.

"It is a surprise I planned for you. tied together at the corners. To this the hook was fastened, and dear. It is a great sacrifice, for it was were out of "the presence," "isn't my Sue began to fish. "Do you feel a bite?" asked Claire, neck. It is finest Canton crape, and I And after that image, too!" who was clinging to the angler's skirts think the pinholes give it an air very

to prevent her from tumbling out of the dis-dis-mercy! somebody say distinguished in French." "I've caught it! I've cavght it! Pull "Hush! Quigley will hear! which showed the loving thoughts of the givers. Patty had long ago forgot-"It must be a whale!

"It's too cold for any bing but a frost-

able consequences if she should be dis-"Or a skate!" covered in this unheard of transgres-"Sh-h-h-h!" sion, and was in a state of bewildering Amid such exclamations the tree was safely pulled in at the window, and the bliss over the ribbons and pictures that girls stood flushed and panting 'round it. had been bestowed upon her. A white paper parcel was fastened

"From Mrs. Meffit's, of course." "But the money?" Sue shook her head mysteriously. "I know," exciaimed her sister.

"Candy!" said Claire, who was noted

was that gold quarter you wore that think they were all touched to see how Loisy Burton gave yeu. You were go- easily they had been able to make the ing to keep it always. "Well," answered Sue, heroically.

What girl bbt has a quantity of such means the next day of redeeming the trilling keepsakes laid away-a pressed keepsake from Mrs. Mostitt and giving it slower, a bit of ribbon, a favor from the a minute and a quarter, and as the been inspected and branded by the State tainly deserves to be honored with some back to Sue, doubly precious for the add- German, a rude drawing-worthless things enough, that still have the power will be observed by some astrono- provided, shall be fined in any sum not up lady, with erect figure, a nose like a The tree was placed upon a table in of calling up old memories, sweeter for

the key. She shook hands with a rapid, number or articles for the tree. Claire fiery jerk, swooping down upon a visitor with a sidewise motion, not unlike the them at the ends of the limbs, while the whole town of Brunswick. Joan jauntily tied up the cookies with

heard-of quantities of anodyne liniment, But Grif was looking at me, and I had Griffiness!" until she seemed to be quite soaked full to take one mouthful. I think it rather of that odoriferous compound, and all improves the shape, and I am going to panic gradually subsided, and the fun her garments, and her every breath, shed pungent fragrance on the breeze. mark it for Claire, as she is an artist went on again.

"Girls," said Joan, holding up a pack-

At last everything was arranged, and age that she had taken from her trunk, Joan went after Patty, while the others "for days I have gone about with an

for her, too. She whisked a chair into the floor, into mystic circle-peanuts!" it dumped a couple of pillows, and with

Claire, who was a capital hand at a likeness, seized a crayou and boldly Joan seized Patty and by main strength drew the face, without for an instant her youth, she took good care that the girls should escape a like danger. cousidering the pillow-slip. Lou put the finishing touch by tucking a liniment But white we have thus digressed to bottle under the folded arms of the fig-"Now she is saying, 'Young ladies,

> scanty costume, which made her look your age.' Isn't it capital?" even more stern and awful than by day. Little Patty came in, nearly frightened out of her small wits, but none the since the window fell," whispered Sue less delighted for all that. to Claire, by which it may be inferred "Oh, it's splendid!" she cried, softly. "It's better than Fourth of July and she could not resist the temptation to peep slyly between her half-closed lids. Jack-downings.

sweets in your youth may be sours in

The dark fir-tree did look very pretty with its golden stars and half-a-dozen demanded the mistress. candle-ends, which glowed and shown as Christmas-candles should: the four cookies and the five bags of candy; the a couple of boughs. And I dare say which meant that something important that the girls never enjoyed any of the fine trees which they had at home more than this one which they had gotten up "Invite Slavey!"

"The Griffiness would tear her limb from limb if she found it out," said Lou, from the very mischief of the affair, from the very mischief of the affair. by themselves; and I fear that it must be confessed that there was added for But the trouble with this part was that "But she won't find it out," urged it made them somewhat ashamed after-Joan. "It is Christmas, and Patty won't ward, as we shall see.

A protty sight, too, were the fourhave any good time if we don't invite yes, the five young girls, their faces what she was saying, flushed with health and fun. They all "You are very in

This was too much. Sue could contain herself no longer. She burst into could not help making a great deal more "We must stop abusing old Quig," said noise than they imagined "Do you suppose there is anybody others joined, all save Patty, who was as asleep in the house?" asked Lou.

a Griffiness guarded the doors, and had

from the cookie Claire had hung for her,

and culled it for Patty, who was so ex-

by trying to eat it, and, at the same time,

laugh at Claire for sitting down upon

"What! that lovely white crape scarf

out, it will do nicely for pearl color."

ten all about her mistress and the prob-

"Am I to keep them for my truly

"They are your truly own," Joan re-

Patty said, half to herself. "I'm as good

All laughed at her simplicity, but l

At last the tree was bare and the can-

Each of the girls took a bit of the fir

and more liberty!"

her bitten one.

give?"

Joan pressed her friend's hand, for she as a memento, and sadly they threw the

as Sally, now."

five."

frightened as a mouse in a trap.
"Miss Taylor," demanded the indig-"I scarcely think it possible," Claire nant mistress, advancing with a great answered. rushing of peanuts under her feet, what "I mean do you think there are any does this mean? What is that on your who ought to be asleep?" "Yes," Joan said, dryly. But Sue could do nothing but laugh and laugh and laugh, and Miss Quigley,

It was well for them that Miss Quig- a bottle too? I thought you better bred.

Sue dressed for Santa Claus by putting on all the girls' furs, fastening upon rather loosely twisted that night, couldn't help laughing, too, at the fair face all streaked with black from the mustaches and surrounded by a tangle of golden hair. Miss Quigly hastened to pre-"My dear friends," she said, standing

Without another word she left them as we proceed toward the West, less the other day for balance of wages, were thus condemned to do tasks upon a for the tree! On with the dance, let the fear I should not have got in at all themselves. themselves. which would have been very hard on As all were young and healthy, and very tired beside, I do not know that they slept any less soundly than usual, but they awoke with somewhat troubled minds that Christmas morning.

and book of the Æneid to morrow.

lation of the first fifty lines of the sec-

the getting out," bears so scarce. But, if the gifts are not as fine as some I've brought you, ly, as she paused in her boot-lacing to crack and eat a stray peanut; and they However, as we saw at the beginning of this story, if the reader is kind enough to remember, they concluded to This speech was received with great applause, and the distribution of gifts began. Sue dextrously pulled a label acknowledge their fault.

"It is not the getting into scrapes, but

completed, even to Claire's, and delivercited that she nearly strangled herself ed to Miss Quigley with what Sue called "truly edifying penitence." Miss Quigley smiled benignly at their contrition. "I am sure, my dear young ladies," steel needles. Fortunately it was not brittle, and she was able to bend it into me? And it isn't so much worn, except hearted but you might have had yo'r in the creases and the places where it's fun for the asking; but never mind th t

Before their dinner the tasks were all

and I had asked Deacen Woodard to take Patty scarcely understood the fun, you down to Bath in his chaise this afand looked a little shocked until Claire ternoon. I am very glad you have done your tasks so that you can go." "Girls!" cried Lou, as soon as they so convenient to tie around the cat's hair all burned off? Such coals of fire!

I leave it to your imagination to paint their ride; but be sure they had a glorious time, and all fell in love with But, aside from this good natured con Woodard, who might have been banter, there were whispered little kind- grandfather to any of them. And that ly words of thanks for knick-knacks, night, when they went up stairs to bed,

Sue burst out with: "The blessed old Quigley! If her breath is as strong as a monsoon, her heart isn't so bad, after all. She is terribly hard on the candy question; but that's only natural, perhaps. Catch me ever calling her a Griffiness again!" And so said they all.

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